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A LAMINATE IN PARTICULAR AS A MEDICAL BACKING
MATERIAL

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- (1) DE 90 18 126 U1, October 12, 1995;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,116,662 (MORMAN), May 26, 1992; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (1);
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,514,470 (HAFFNER et al.), May 7, 1996;
- (4) DE 196 04 953 A1, August 14, 1997, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (5) DE 35 21 374 A1, December 18, 1986;

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- (6) U.S. Patent No. 4,995,930 (MERZ et al.), February 26, 1991; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (5);
- (7) DE 42 38 541 A1, May 19, 1994;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,769,993 (BALDAUF), June 23, 1998; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (7);
- (9) EP 0 446 431 A2, September 18, 1991, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (10) W. Kaschel in "Kunststoffe", 87 (1997) 5, pp. 646, 648, 650.

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are U.S. family members of documents that have been called to the Examiner's attention with the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 19, 2000:

- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,795,834 (DEEB et al.), August 18, 1998;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,876,855 (WONG et al.), March 2, 1999;
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,422,172 (WU), June 6, 1995;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,592,690 (WU), January 14, 1997;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 5,861,074 (WU), January 19, 1999;
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,634,216 (WU), June 3, 1997.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents

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Respectfully submitted,
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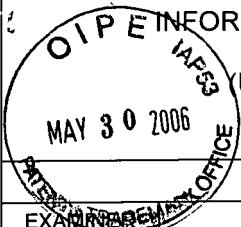


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